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### A Public Recreation Department.

With the summer season approaching it is meet for each citizen to give some thought to the question of playgrounds and recreations for the children. As a community we are deeply indebted to the public-spirited persons who have co-operated for the admirable foundations that have been laid for public playgrounds within this city.

Now that so much preliminary work has been done it is quite plain to gauge the vast importance to the entire community of an adequate and well-administered playgrounds and recreation department. The services of Mr. Edgar S. Martin, who then was in charge of similar work at Columbus, Ohio, were secured as supervisor of the local playgrounds. This official is the originator of some of the best ideas on this subiect, administrative improvements now in force in cities where the public recreations have been scientifically co-related and made an important department of the municipal government.

cessity of a permanent recreation deing such a department for the selec- the popular or direct vote. tion of the most competent and bestequipped men and women to conduct it should be only a matter of detail.

Mr. Martin, in a recent report to the ommends the establishment of such a department, which is to have sole supervision of all recreations and chil- hitherto had been done without that dren's amusements in the District. In connection herewith we quote, as pertinent to the problem under discussion, this significant clause contained in the report of President Roosevelt's homes

The commission believes that public playgrounds and athletic fields will promote temperance and chastity, and since we are familiar with the rayages of vice and disease and the public ex penditures incident thereto, we recommeasures.

accomplished ill later on. "An ounce Classification of the articles mailable

We are satisfied that this community 1912. should not, cannot, and will not shirk Publishers of pamphlets or cataany city in the world, and that the prevent that which is obviously an best obtainable agents are placed and economical and a convenient practice? kent in charge of the work, which al- It is estimated that to per cent of ways will be and should be under the the business which might be done by close and critical scrutiny of alert par- the parcel post is now lost, because ents and a watchful public.

up to and practice the infallible maxim. tailed directions as to "blocks, tubes of body).

boy and girl of today are the man and to be mailable on a commercial scale, right to demand the kind of training will remain in the hands of the exthat will make them worthy members press companies. and proud citizens of the greatest nation on earth.

### La Follette on Wilson.

Progressives in Congress to form a weighing 100 pounds or less, while the third party, Senator La Follette gives average weight is thirty-two pounds. praise to President Wilson in the cur- If the government would place the rent number of his weekly, urging limit, if the limit were thirty pounds, "all honest men in Congress" to give this would bring the parcel post into the new Chief Executive their cordial immediate competition for the great support. He has this to say:

He evinces a disposition to meet re- press companies, besides permitting a plan for tariff revision. lowed in good time with currency islation, and later his administra-n will deal with trusts, conservation,

rifically.

The responsibility for this proupon the Democratic party. tances covered.

But the minority in the House and Senate must meet its responsibility as well. It is no time for trifling or playing politics, or trying to put the Wilson administration in a hole. It is no time for the Roosevelt-Perkins party or the Republican party to maneuver for 1916. The American people demand that money and credit and demand that money and credit transportation, and the market where labor and the market place where labor and the products of labor are bought and sold, be freed from the control of powerful interests. If the Wilson administration offers legislation which will be a solution which will be a solution of the solution of the solution which will be a solution of the solution of the solution which will be a solution of the soluti tion which will best accomplish this result, it is the duty of the minority

result, it is the duty of the minority to support that legislation. If not, it will be the duty of the minority to offer better legislation instead.

No greater opportunity was ever presented for patriotic statesmanship. The field is open to the minority as well as to the majority.

The Wisconsin statesman and progressive leader leaves no doubt as to where his sympathles will be in the new line-up of the parties in Congress. He is not with the Progressives, and though he is now once more classed as a regular Republican, he means to give his personal support to all progressive measures emanating from the White House. It is a wellestablished fact that he represents a group of Republican Senators, so that if there should be a defection of five or six Democratic Senators on certain clauses of the tariff revision bill, the administration may have to look to this group of La Follette's to assist in passing the measure,

There are prominent men on the other side of the Capitol who are more than willing to be "Wilson Democrats," although they are not Demo-

### Popular, but Not Yet Proven.

The seventeenth amendment to the Federal Constitution has been ratified, and if the popular election of Senators will elevate the standard of the United States Senate it will prove a welcome addition and innovation. But the question is whether results in those States, which have anticipated such constitutional authority, are encouraging.

There is a popular distrust of the Senate evident on all sides. In the comments to be read in certain State There is no longer any room for ar- papers of acknowledged standard, and gument concerning the wisdom and ne- which are mirroring public opinion in those parts of the country, this dispartment in this city. The methods to trust is directly traceable to the unfitbe employed in organizing and financ- ness of some of the men chosen by

Popular primaries in the Southern CORP. JOHN TANNER States long ago have nullified the effect of the constitutional provision with re spect to the election of Senators, and District Commissioners, strongly rec- in States where this has been done the President Wilson Is Said to Intend new amendment merely will provide constitutional authority for what specific authority.

There is not the slightest doubt a to the popularity of the new amendment. The demand for it practically is nation-wide, but the wisdom of the change remains to be demonstrated.

# Parcel Post Changes Needed.

The parcel post has passed beyond the influence of Congress. The Postmaster General will have his hands mend most liberal appropriations for full of parcel post reform as soon as all such moral and social prophylactic he can rid himself of the thousands of appointments he has now under con-It is far more important to prevent sideration. Three changes in the present law are particularly needed: of prevention is worth a pound of the weight limit, and general condicures." Certain diseases, if not pre-tions of mailability. All these changes vented in time, are bound to kill or and many others may be made by the to leave scars, which applies as well Postmaster General under the powers to moral as to physical decrepitude. vested in him in the act of August 24,

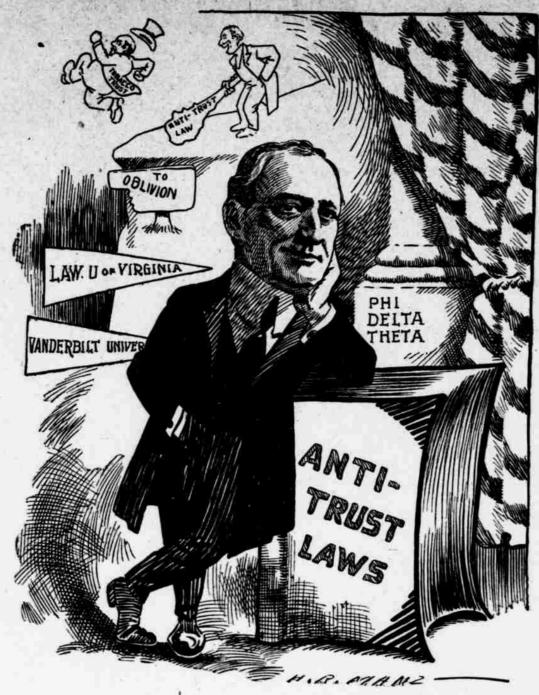
its responsibility in this vital matter logues cannot now use the parcel post without calling down upon its head the to send out such literature in packages post serious consequences. Let us en- shipped as merchandise. The departrtain no illusions about this. Let us ment has ruled that no printed matter have no pettifogging, no paltering de- can be sent under the cover of goods, lays. Let our men and women of force as such a practice would tend to elimand courage place themselves in the inate much matter from the secondforefront of the movement and see to class or letter mail. Our merchants it that the public recreations of the fail to see any cause for continuing this District are placed upon the most sci- regulation. On the contrary, they inentific basis known and practiced in sist upon its being discontinued. Why

it costs too much to pack certain Let us do all in our power to live classes of goods. Some of the de-"Mens sana in corpore sano" (a) metal, cushions of cotton or felt," &c., healthy mind dwells only in a healthy as covers, are too expensive to follow except in rare cases, and then only for Above all, let us not forget that the the sending of samples. Liquids ought woman of tomorrow. They have the or this large and profitable business

For what special reason the weight limit has been fixed at eleven pounds it is difficult to surmise. Experts have calculated that 05 per cent of the ex-After condemning the efforts of the press business consists of shipments bulk of the business done by the exsponsibilities. He is not waiting for them to be thrust upon him. He is not satisfied to sit in his place and distribute the spoils of office. He has entered at once upon the great task committed to him and his party. He to necessity for employing conveypromptly called an extra session ances in the cities, such as there are ongress. He is ready to put forth in use in Europe, but the greatly increased volume of business and revenue therefrom would warrant it, and besides the rural letter delivery is social wrongs, generally and spe-done altogether by means of horse and

wagon, anyway, because of the dis-

# NATION'S MEN OF AFFAIRS IN CARTOON



# JAMES C. McREYNOLDS,

Attorney General.

# WILL BE RETAINED

Keeping Legless Veteran as Register of Wills.

Corp. John Tanner's civil war record will keep him in the office of Register of Wills for the District in spite of the fact that he is a lifelong Republican and that fully a dozen Democrats have asked for the appointment. President Wilson, considering only the applicant's excellent work in the office during the past nine years and his service to his country during the civil war, has practically made up his mind that Tanner will be re-

cained.

Corp. Tanner is a legiess veteran of the civil war, having had "both legs shot from under him" by a shell in the second battle of Bull Run. He is prominent in G. A. R. circles, having formerly served as commander-in-chief. He was appointed to his present position by Pres-ident Rooseveit in 1904.

Mr. Tanner was born in Richmondoutbreak of the civil war he enlisted in

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Seick, it isn't necessarily so.

Honi Soi Oni

EVERY SATURDAY.

Our Motto: Hyou see it in The Big

Reing deeply impressed with the

privileges as well as duties and

esponsibilities which fall to the

protections by the process of the latter of every man and woman, and having a perfect right to speak our mind whenever the spirit moves us, we make held to assesserate that the absolutely flawless and therefore perfect arrangements which Maj. Sylvester spring on The Marching Sisterhood when they tramped up to the Capitol Monday morning to the martial strains of Drum Maj. Minister's band, are conclusive proof that the Washington police if the finest in the world and that Maj. Sylvester stands as the pinacia, as the poer, the acme and paragon of all the chiefs of police in all creation. We would not hesitate to criticiss tim if we had cause for such action. We do not say for one moment that the major is without his faults; far be it; alas, he is but human. To forget is to forgive, and "Here's a How."

By order of Gen. Rosale Jones. Alice Paul, Hejen Gardner and staff.

Still in the Ring.

Harrard will prove that it has a lively conception of the real needs of the country if it establishes a department to increase the number of American humorists. Sam Gompers tells me, however, that as a result of that forward step the country may be plaqued by an oversupply of non-union humorists. I don't mind that so much if the graduates of the department of wit and humor are able to figure out why the colored comic supplements go on year after year.

PICKERING DODGE.

Heavenly Muse.

Mal y Pense

the Eighty-seventh New York Regiment. He was in many battles, and his career was a notable one. So severe were Mr. Tanner's wounds that he has had to undergo at one time or another no less than six operations. After the war be was a clerk in the customs-house in New York, became a collector under Presi-dent Arthur, and later a collector of taxes in Brooklyn. Under President Harrison he was Commissioner of Pensions, and when superseded by a Democrat practiced law until given his present appointment.

# Turtle for President.

Somebody from Maryland sent President Wilson a small mud turtle by parcel post yesterday. The sender's address and a legend of some kind was pasted on the shell, but had become partly obliterated so that only the words, buil moose." were legible. The was christened "Woodrow" and in one of the White House 'little bull mo

> Not With Those Dimensions. I do not like a two by four, As plainly I declare.

Besides he isn't square

THE BIG STICK

THE ADMINISTRATION'S BIG GUN.

Forward, march! en awant! don't fire till pou see the white their eyes! on, Stanley, on! charge, Chester, charge! bang, bang, bang, boom!

Such are the martial cries that spring unbidden to every lip at the sight of the unexamplet panorama of battle which the Big Stick's lightning artist, who never strikes twice in the same place, has portrayed this week. There is no need to tell any of our readers that the dominant figure in the picture is none other than our est. fellow cit., Lind Garrison, the new Secretary of War.

"This battle business has a lot of smokeless work in it," the acc, told the Big Stick man. "We put Maxim silencers on all our desk cormance. But I am figuring out a way to give everybody a taste of army life.

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"I figured that by reducing the term of enlistment, we can get more of our young men into uniforms and bring the proportions between military and civil population to the proper ratios."

"Ratios or rations."

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soldiers enlisted for three years we can have 12,221,425 enlisted for one year, plus the enhanced law of averages as to desertions, divided by the mortality tables.

"Figured out on that basis, I calculate that if us colleagues don't stay here but four years, we'll get the uniform on most of the people that voted for us and on all of them that didn't. In that way we shall get a reserve and a deserve, too."

The judge has not been measured for his uniform yet.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 12, 1913.

Tokio, April 11.-Buel Nakano, president of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, called today upon Arthur Balliey-Blanchard, the United States charge d'affaires, and asked him to protect Japanese in California, whose property may be-come subject to confiscation because of the inability of the Japanese to become

Mr. Nakano gave his views upon the land ownership bill and asked the United States charge to send them to Wash-ington. There will be a joint meeting tomorrow of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, when hostile probably will be drawn up. when hostile resolution

The itinerary for the foreign cruise of the members of the third class at the Naval Academy at Annapolis this sum-mer was announced by Secretary Daniels vesterday. The midshipmen will go

on board the battleship Illinois on June

9 and visit Spain, Belgium, and Maby the B. F. Cumn
deira. They will return to Annapolis

News from the Front.

ONE CENT.

"I do not think you lay enough emphasis on the convenient

A GENTLEMAN WRITES:

location of your lumber yard."

Therefore, we emphasize this fact: We are located in the heart of the city, Sixth Street and New York Avenue Northwest, and every street car line passes our yards.

Please expect the usual prompt, but careful service. And in the matter of deliveries, we promise, barring accidents, to send by tonight all purchases that go on our city routes.

The Frank Libbery Lumber & Mill Work 6th Street and New York Avenue.

### CHINESE DECLARATION IS MADE PUBLIC

### Newspapers Failed to Get "Address to the World," So Bryan Supplies Deficiency.

Secretary of State Bryan sprung a scoop yesterday in making public an "address to the world," which was adopted by the Chinese Assembly on the occasion of its first meeting last Tuesday. The Pekin correspondents of European and American newspapers did not put a word of it on the cable for publication abroad, and had not Mr. Bryan's interest been caught the world would never have learned of what the Chinese had to say.

Here is the address, as cabled to Mr. Bryan by the American Legation at Pekin:

ekin:
"On this eighth day of the fourth

On this eighth day of the fourth month, in the second year of the Republic of China, the date fixed for the first opening of our permanent national Assembly, the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, having met in these halls to celebrate the event, now make this declaration of their sentiments.

will of heaven is manifested "The will of heaven is manifested through the will of the people. That the hundreds of millions of the people possess the authority of the state is not proclaimed now for the first time. The monarchy, so long corrupt, proved unworthy of the grave responsibilities intrusted to it by the will of the people, but with the introduction of popular government the representatives of the people must share the likes and dislikes of the people. must share the likes and dislikes of the people. They are to give expression to the desires and voice the will of the people; they hold the reins in behalf of the nation to govern with severity or ieniency, with parsimony or extravagance; they become the pivot upon which the prosperity of the state is made to turn. For the success or failure, safety or danger, adversity or good fortune, theirs is the merit or the blame.

"Can we be otherwise than anxious? Yet through great tribulation the spring comes to prosperity and our very bad

"Can we be otherwise than anxious? Yet through great tribulation the spring comes to prosperity and our very bad management are a means to happiness. Now, therefore, we unite to form this Assembly and presume to publish our aspirations. May ours be a just government. May our five races lay aside their prejudices. May rain and sunshine bring bounteous harvest and cause the husbandman to rejoice. May the scholar be happy in his home and the merchant condust his trade in peace. May no duty of government be unfulfilled and no hidden wound go unredressed. Thus may the glory be spread abroad and these, our words, be echoed far and wide, that those in distant lands who hear may rejoice, our neighbors on every side give us praise, and may the new life of the old nation be lasting and unending. Who of us can dare to be neglectful of his duties?"

# POSTOFFICE WINS CASE.

The proceedings in injunction instituted linois, to prevent Postmaster General Burleson from awarding contracts for canceling machines to the firms selected by the former administration of the Post-office Department, were dismissed by

Justice Barnard yesterday.

The Court sustained a demurrer filed club."
by Postmaster General Burleson to the jurisdiction of the court and to the status of the company to the suit. The com-pany claimed that the department would lose \$400,000 in the four years for which the contracts were to be awarded. Mr. Burleson, in answer, declared the report of the awarding committee of the department showed a saving of \$45.000 annually if the contracts were awarded to the persons selected.

## A LITTLE NONSENSE.

THE LATEST LEGISLATION. Freak legislation we have had In days of yore.

Most Legislatures needs must add

A few laws more.

And now they say girls cannot wear Their gowns cut low. This is too much for girls to bear, As you must know.

We've stood for lots of foolishness That made us sick.
But when they tackle woman's dress
It's time to kick.

# Investigating for Himself.

It was in the suburbs. "Sir. why are you climbing all these "Well, I'm a retired business man, just

"Yes." reading poetry all my life and taking their statements on trust. I don't like to take anything on trust. Poets have

always given me to understand that there are no birds in last year's nests. Now I'm climbing a few trees to ascer-tain if this statement is strictly true." A Rare Convenience

"How do you like this apartment "Best ever. Why, the janitor even has a dress suit and makes a good emergency

Bringing Up the Average. "Did your daughters marry rich men?" "Not exactly. One married a farmer and another married an ultimate con-sumer. But the third may make up for all that.

"How so?"
"She's engaged to a middleman."

In Spring.

The dainty jonquils come along
And poets of them sing.
The onion never gets a song;
But 'tis a helpful thing.

"It is a restricted neighborhood, a very

"It is a restricted neighborhood, a very fashionable suburb."
"Think I could get in?"
"Why not? You are able to build a \$20,000 house. Your character is good. You have a charming wife."
"Yes; but there's no use trying to conceal it. We have a baby."

# Mother Talks Plainly.

"Daughter, I want you to be nice to that young druggist. He will make you good husband."
"He isn't the kind of man I want to marry.

"I know the kind you want to marry," retorted mother, picking up a paper-backed novel. "You want to marry either a duke or a gentleman Raffles, but

And daughter subsequently did.

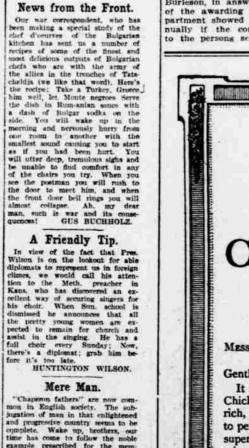
"Excessive out of fashion."
"How now?"
"I just heard of a Prohibitionist being
"I just heard of a fashionable yacht "Excessive drinking is certainly going

# Raising the Wind.

More revolutions than ever in South America. That's because almost any faction can secure funds by pledging the noving picture rights.

Stays in Storage

Nobody ever throws away any old med-icine, and nobody ever takes any, in so far as we can ascertain.



# Mere Man.

A Friendly Tip.

"Chaperon fathers" are now com-ion in English society. The sub-igation of man in that chlightened

plays that we would like to bec-to them we darent creep; the plays that people talk about strike us as rather small; and the plays that people take us to-oh, they're the worst of all. DAVE SELKE.

Heavenly Muse.

Always giad to serve the public I am prepared to announce that I have received an invoice of the following ragtime steps: "Crab's Craw!." "Toroise Patrole." "Toro Dog." "Shoe Tickier Ree!," "Top Dog." "Top Dog."

Parcel Post Facilities.

The Babylon swam was at;
For, his feelings lorerick
He wrote on a brick,
And carried the brick in the crown
of his hat.
EDWIN I. SHOPE.

# THE WORLD FAMOUS VIOLINIST CHICKERING **PIANO** New York Crry, February 5, 1913. MESSRS. CHICKERING & SONS, Boston, Mass. Gentlemen: It is a pleasure to speak of the lovely tone of the Chickering & Sons' Piano, which with its round, rich, pliable quality blends with that of my violins to perfection. An art and a craft brought to such a superlative degree as that in the creation of Chickering Pianos, reflects credit upon the ambitions of Americans. To the Chickering Piano, internationally known, I extend my congratulations. Cordially yours, (Signed) EUGENE YSAYE F. G. Smith Piano Co. Chickering Warerooms 1217 F Street